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Attachment 1

February 20, 2003

Ms. Allison Hart
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Dear Ms. Hart:

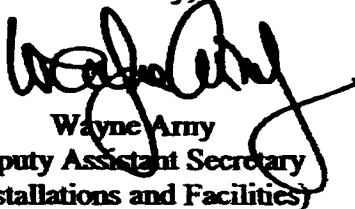
The Department of the Navy is pleased with the tremendous progress our agencies have achieved to date in the disposal process of the former El Toro Marine Base. The Department supports the land use plan, the development strategy, and the parcelization plan as currently articulated by the City of Irvine. As the property owner, the Department of the Navy reiterates its support for the annexation of the unincorporated portion of the base by the City of Irvine, and we are anxious for it to move forward as quickly as possible.

The Department also appreciates the City sharing its projections of costs for the development and maintenance of the Orange County Great Park. I believe that this planned development will be mutually beneficial for the developers and the City of Irvine and will provide the best overall value to the Federal taxpayers.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the effort put forth by you and your team at the City of Irvine. The environmental impact report for the Orange County Great Park was released for public review this month, and we recognize the tremendous resources required to produce this document. I believe we have achieved an effective strategic alliance between our two agencies. We now look forward to beginning the implementation process with the General Services Agency for the sale of land at MCAS El Toro.

Thank you again for your efforts in this process and we look forward to a successful sale of the property at MCAS El Toro in the coming year.

Sincerely,


Wayne Army
Deputy Assistant Secretary
(Installations and Facilities)

Copy to:
Mayor Larry Agran
County of Orange Board of Supervisors